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EXCERPTS FROM DEPT'S PRESS BRIEFING OF NOV. 18, 1969 FOLLOW:
BEGIN TEXT.

Q DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON ANNA LOUISE STRONG'S REPORTED DESIRES TO RETURN SOMETIME TO THE UNITED STATES?

A YES. WE HAVE SOME INFORMATION GIVEN TO US BY HER LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE EFFECT THAT SHE IS CONTEMPLATING A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. HER PASSPORT HAS EXPIRED, AND SHE HAS NOT YET APPLIED FOR RENEWAL.

Q WHO IS HER LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE?

A WELL, I TALKED TO OUR PEOPLE ABOUT THAT, AND THEY WOULD RATHER NOT GIVE OUT THAT INFORMATION.

Q WHEN DOES HER PASSPORT EXPIRE?

A I DON'T KNOW.

Q WHY NOT GIVE THE NAME OF THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE?

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A WELL, I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO ARGUE THE CASE --

(LAUGHTER.)

-- BUT I UNDERSTAND IT'S THE CLIENT-ATTORNEY RELATIONSHIP, WHICH THERE'S SOME DESIRE TO PROTECT HERE.

Q WELL NOW, THIS DOESN'T COME UNDER THE NORMAL HEADING OF A CLIENT-ATTORNEY RELATIONSHIP, WHICH IS SIMPLY A CONFIDENTIAL MATTER PASSED BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM. AS FAR AS IDENTIFYING THEM THERE MUST BE SOME OUTSIDE REASON. IS IT POLITICAL? IS ANYBODY REPRESENTING HER ASSUMED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE CONTAMINATED AND YOU DON'T WANT TO QUICKLY CONTAMINATE PEOPLE, OR WHAT?

A I NOTE YOUR QUESTION. WE'LL TRY TO GET AN ANSWER.

Q WELL, IN THE ABSENCE OF HIS IDENTITY, MAYBE YOU'LL JUST ANSWER ALL OUR QUESTIONS ABOUT ANNA LOUISE STRONG.

A YES, SIR.

Q WHEN IS HER VISIT SCHEDULED FOR, AND WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF HER VISIT?

A WELL, HERE AGAIN I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION. ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS THE PROCEDURE THAT WOULD OBTAIN IF SHE WERE TO GO AHEAD AND PREPARE HERSELF TO RETURN TO THIS COUNTRY. WHAT WOULD BE INVOLVED HERE, MOST LIKELY, WOULD BE THAT SHE WOULD PRESENT HERSELF AND APPLY FOR A RENEWAL AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG. THERE SHE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A DECLARATION THAT SHE HAS NOT FORMALLY RENOUNCED U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND HAS NOT TAKEN OUT CITIZENSHIP IN COMMUNIST CHINA. THEN THE DECISION ON HER ELIGIBILITY FOR A RENEWAL WOULD REST WITH THE CONSULAR OFFICER.

Q WHAT ABOUT HER ELIGIBILITY FOR WAIVER OF THE CLAUSE IN THE PASSPORT SAYING YOU CAN'T GOT TO CHINA? IF SHE WERE TO TAKE AN AMERICAN PASSPORT, WOULD SHE THEN BE ABLE TO GET BACK INTO CHINA?

A I WOULDN'T ANTICIPATE ANY DIFFICULTY SHOULD SHE DESIRE TO [illegible]

Q HOW ABOUT BACK TO THE UNITED STATES?

A YOU MEAN BACK AND FORTH?

Q YES.

A WELL, I THINK THAT'S SPECULATIVE, SPENCE.

Q UNDER WHAT HEADING WOULD SHE COME -- JOURNALIST, OR WHAT -- TO GET A WAIVER?

A I WOULD THINK SO. JOURNALIST.

Q NOW, WHEN DID THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE INFORM YOU OF ALL THIS?

A I DON'T KNOW.

Q IN DAYS OR WEEKS?

A I DON'T KNOW. I'LL INQUIRE.
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